उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश को मालनपुर, मेघनगर, मेनहेरी, पीतमपुर, मुरेना और पिल्लूखेड़ी में विकास केन्द्रों के लिए 31-3-90 तक 7.50 करोड़ रुपये दिये जा चुके हैं। उपर्युक्त 6 विकास केन्द्रों में से दो विकास केन्द्रों अर्थात् मालनपुर तथा पीतमपुर को पूरी केन्द्रीय सहायता दे दी गयी है और शेष चार योजना के आधीन केन्द्रीय सहायता के पात्र हैं जो की गई प्रगति और निधियों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करती है। 31-3-90 की स्थिति के अनुसार निधि की कमी के कारण 50 लाख रुपये का दावा लम्बित पड़ा है।

भारत सरकार के जून, 1988 में एक नयी विकास केन्द्र योजना की घोषणा की है। नयी विकास केन्द्र योजना की घोषणा से यह निर्णय लिया गया कि पुरानी उद्योग रहित जिला योजना के अंतर्गत किसी अतिरिक्त विकास केन्द्र की स्वीकृति नहीं दी जायेगी।

Sponsoring of Companies to avail of Sales Tax Exemption

288. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Jindal, M/s. Photophone Industries Limited, Goa, M/s. AVM, Madras and M/s. Ruia Group, Bombay have been categorised by Government as large industrial houses;

(b) whether Government are aware that these large industrial houses have sponsored M/s. Indian Thermo Plastics, Ghaziabad, M/s. Bhimtal, Nainital, M/s. India Cine Agencies, Madras, M/s. India Cine Agencies, Pondicherry, M/s. Photosphere Industries Limited, Goa and M/s. A. B. Celeur Private Limited, Goa, as small scale units to import jumbo rolls, as photosensitise goods in backward areas to avail of sales tax exemption; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether any action has been initiated against these companies and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Twelve companies registered under the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act belong to the Essar Bulk Carrier Industrial House under the control of S/Shri S. N and R. N. Ruia. Further, M/s. Jindal Strips Ltd. has been advised by the Department of Company Affairs to register under the said Act. The other two companies do not belong to any large industrial house.

(b) *There is no information regarding* interconnection of these units with any large industrial house.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointment of the present Managing Director of the Bharat Wagons and Engineering Company Ltd, Patna

289. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Managing Director of the Bharat Wagons and Engineering Company Ltd, Patna as earlier involved in a number of irregularities and corruption charges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for appointing him to such a high post;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the performance of the company, which was a profit earning concern, started deteriorating after the appointment of present Managing Director resulting in heavy losses to the tune of Rs. 36 lakhs in 1989-90;

(d) whether, in view of the circumstances, Government propose to enquire into the whole matter; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The production of the Company has shown an increasing trend after the present Managing Director had taken charge in February, 1988. From a level of Rs. 29.61 crores in 1987-88, production touched Rs. 40.81 crores during 1988-89 and has further improved to Rs. 43.48 crores (provisional) in 1989-90. Provisional net profit of 1989-90 is estimated as Rs. 71.85 lakhs.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Probe into an incident of Sexual Assault on a Female Employee of Air India

290. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:
SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned Airhostesses angry over AI inaction' which appeared in the Times of India of the 20th April, 1990;

(b) whether it is a fact that demonstrations were staged outside Air India building in April, 1990 to protest against sexual assault on a female employee by Air India staff;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct any inquiry into the incident so as to punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A demonstration was staged outside Air-India building on 18th April, 1990.

(c) and (d) Ms. Safina Sethi, an Airhostess, had made a written complaint to Air India of an incident of misbehaviour by Shri Mahesh Lalla, Assistant Flight Purser at a hotel in Rome. She had complained that she was manhandled and Shri Lalla tried to rape her. A police complaint has also been registered by Ms. Sethi. The Air India Management have already initiated an inquiry into the incident.

Collection of Capitation Fees by Medical Colleges

291. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the medical colleges in the country which are collecting capitation fees; and

(b) what steps have been taken to curb this practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) A list showing the names of medical colleges in the country which are collecting capitation fees, as per information made available by the Medical Council of India is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Some State Governments have already enacted laws prohibiting the collection of capitation fees. The Government of India have introduced a Bill to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 incorporating a provision to prohibit the charging of capitation fees or any amount in excess of the scales of fees prescribed by the Medical Council of India. Penalty provisions have also been made for contravention of the relevant sections, dealing with the prohibition of capitation fees.